

I heard recently that new LPFM service may be allowed to replace current FM translator stations. I would like to express my concern about this new service interfering with my local translator station. I listen to a station in my area (Twin Cities, MN) that is rebroadcast from California on my local FM 90.7. There currently is no other station in the Cities that offers what this station (KLOVE) does. Firstly, I greatly value the programming that they offer, and the fact that they are able to do so as a listener supported station, thus without commercials. This is made possible greatly because they are able to simply rebroadcast and do not need to have individual stations in every city they are rebroadcast in. Even though it is a national radio station, I feel they also do a very good job of keeping me up to date on current events, from a concise straightforward perspective that I appreciate. They cover national news, but also local news that is important for me to be aware of. (For example, I was made aware of a Minneapolis AMBER alert yesterday that I would not have otherwise heard as I would not be listening to the radio if this station was forced off the air by a LPFM station). The programming that KLOVE provides is important because it is encouraging and uplifting rather than sarcastic and degrading. It would be difficult for other programming to replace what this station does so effectively.

Please do what it takes to ensure that LPFM stations are not given priority over existing FM translator stations such as KLOVE that provide such a service as this to my community.

Thank you.